लिया गया है और इसके विस्तृत इंजीनियरिंग अध्ययन हेतु कार्रवाई शुरू कर दी गई है।

(ग) इस परियोजना की अनुमानित लागत 4500 करोड़ रू० है।

(घ) अभी से यह बता पाना कठिन है कि परियोजना कब शुरू की जायेगी।

Routes operated upon by DTC

2522. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the routes presently being operated by the DTC in Delhi and on Inter-State routes;

(b) what is their frequency;

(c) what are the timings of their first and last trips; and

(d) what is the progress made in the Resource Mobilisation programme by DTC?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (c) The details are annexed. (*See* Appenedix 170 ,Annexurt No. 53]

(d) DTC yet has no special resource mobilisation programme.

Agitations against the mismanagement of Indian Road Construction Corporation

2523. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 840 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 8th December, 1993 and state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report published in the Times of India dated the 30th October, 1993 regarding agitation against the mismanagement of the Indian Road Construction Corporation highlighting the irregularities;

(b) whether in the 16th Annual Report of the Auditor's adverse comments with regard to the payments made to local contact persons at Foreign projects in Libya, Iraq and Sana's (Roy) in foreign currency were made; and

(c) if so, what are the details of the action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (c) The matter is being looked into.

Widening of National Highway

2524. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to widen the National Highway between Vijayawada and Nandigama into four lane;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what is the present status of the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Widening to four lanes is contemplated in the reach Km. 252.00 to 265.00 between Nandigama and Vijayawada on National Highway No. 9.

(c) The project is yet to be sanctioned.

Compensation Scheme to road accident victims

2525. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating to introduce any scheme for

paying compensation to road accident victims on the basis of a pre-determined formula;

(b) if so, what are the sailent features of the formula and how soon this scheme is going to come into operation; and

(c) whether Government have formulated any National Road Safety Policy towards reducing the fatalities in road accidents and if so the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The proposed scheme provides for payment of compensation to the victims of road accidents involving motor vehicles on a pre-determined formula based on the age/income of the victims. This requires amendment of the Motor vehicles Act. The Bill containing various proposals including provisions of the new scheme, for amendment of the Motor Vehicles Act is proposed to be introduced in the current Session of the Parliament.

(c) No, Sir. However, the Government is taking various steps to check road accidents. A Statement indicating some of the steps is enclosed.

Statement

The Steps taken/being taken include..

1. The M. V. Act, 1988 and the Rules framed thereunder provide for stricter requirements in respect of issuance of driving licences, and stringent penalties for offences.

2. Formal training in a driving school is made a pre-requisite for issuance of licence to drive transport vehicles.

3. Maximum safe laden weights have been prescribed for trucks including light commercial vehicles.

4. Maximum speed limits have been prescribed for all vehicles except light motor vehicles.

5. Uniform intervals for checking the fitness of vehicles have been prescribed throughout the country.

6. It is prescribed that road safety devices would be fitted in the vehicles viz. direction indicators with blinker system for vehicles, special labels on carriages carrying dangerous or hazardous goods.

7. A National Road Safety Council has been set up for formulation of road safety measures. State Govts. were also requested to set up State level road safety councils.

8. Strict and rigid enforcement of traffic rules regulations.

9. Regular special drive against rash and negligent driving, driving without driving licences, drunken driving, defective headlights, over-speeding, overloading etc.

10. Regular prosecution of violation through issue of notices.

11. School children are regularly imparted necessary training/education in the schools about the rules of the roads and related safety aspects by the road safety cell of Delhi Traffic Police.

12. Introducing of blinkers/signals at accident prone areas.

13. Prosecution through Radar Guns.

14. More Police presence in accident prone areas.

15. Special morning drives and night mobile patrolling.

16. Use of Doordarshan|AIR|Press for giving wide publicity on road safety.

17. Painting of bus boxes, yellow boxes.

18. Special night checking on Highways.

19. Special drive against buses, HTVs, TSRs, Taxis etc.

20. Painting competitions and other road safety activities are being organised by Road Safety Cell to inculcate

the sense of road safety among various road users and children.

Identification of ports for exports/Imports under Advance Licence Scheme

2526. SHRI AHMED MOHMEDBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government Customs Collectorate had identified five small ports in Veraval, Sikka, Jaffarabad and Navlakhi in Saurashtra and Mandvi in Kutch more reasonable for exports and imports under Advance Licences Scheme;

(b) if so, whether Central Government have been urged to develop these ports which are more beneficial to the State as well as to the country;

(c) whether Central Government have taken any steps to improve the ports and provide facilities of Rail, STD. and drinking water etc; and

(d) if so, what action has been taken by Central Government for development of these ports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Government of Gujarat have initiated action to develop these Ports

(d) Government of Gujarat has taken up development work for improving/increasing Port facilities from their own resources as per requiements of the trade.

Road Accidents in India

2527. SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a road accident every minute in India and every 10 minutes one person dies on the road; and

(b) if so, what enforcement strategies based on the scientific study of accidents and causative factors are being planned in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government is taking all possible steps to control road accidents. For this purpose, a special cell has been created in the Ministry of Surface Transport. Police Departments have been taking various steps including awareness campaigns to check road accidents and these measures will continue to be taken in the future also. The Central Government also provides financial assistance to the State Govts. for strengthening their awareness/publicity campaigns. The Government has also provided driving training Simulators to four States. Besides, it is also proposed to supply Vehicle Testing Equipments and Portable Weigh Bridges to some States. The State Governments have also been requested to set up Committees at the State and District levels in terms of Section 215 of the Motor Vehicle Act, 1988. Besides it, the steps taken|being taken to minimise the accidents are given in the Statement.

Statement

The steps taken/being taken include—

1. The M.V. Act, 1988 and the Rules framed thereunder provide for stricter requirements in respect of issuance of driving licences, and stringent penalties for offences.

2. Formal training in a driving school is made a pre-requisite for issuance of licence to drive transport vehicles.

3. Maximum safe laden weights have been prescribed for trucks including light commercial vehicles.

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